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Indian Education for All Research Stipends

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Deadline: March 31, 2006 (postmarked)

Timeline: March 2006–June 2007

Project Year:

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

STUDENT AND FACULTY ADVISOR INFORMATION

University/College Name

Student _____
Name Major field of study

Telephone number E-mail

Faculty Advisor

Name Department

E-mail Telephone

Signature:

I agree to assist this student in accordance with the established research policy of the University.

Signature—Faculty Advisor Date

I agree to complete the proposed study under the guidance of my advisor.

Signature—Student Date

Indian Education for All Research Stipends for Graduate Students

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has designated stipends for graduate students attending the Montana University System to conduct research studies pertaining to Indian Education. Stipends are available from \$2,000-\$10,000.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

The graduate student applicant must be enrolled in a graduate program in the Montana University System. All projects must be completed by May 30, 2007. Students agree to allow the OPI to disseminate the results of the study under OPI policies.

RESEARCH TOPICS

Based on consultation with the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education, the following are priority topics:

- Implementation of Indian Education for All (MCA 20-1-501);
- Narrowing the achievement gap between Indian and non-Indian students in Montana;
- Reducing the dropout rate of American Indian students;
- Challenges and successes at the classroom level in implementing Indian Education for All;
- Teacher/student attitudes that affect the implementation of Indian Education for All;
- Effective professional development processes for implementing Indian Education for All;
- Integrating contemporary and historical content into classroom curriculum;
- Language and literacy issues, including the impact of language loss, and effective strategies for teaching limited English proficient American Indian students;
- Connecting education and economic issues.

RESEARCH STIPEND APPLICATION

Components of Research Proposal

1. Abstract (1-2 paragraphs)
2. Purpose of the research study
3. Research methodologies and procedures
4. Anticipated completion date

Please submit the proposal as a Microsoft Word document no longer than four pages, 12 pt font, 1 1/2 line spacing, 1" margins.

FINAL PRODUCT

It is the responsibility of the graduate student, in consultation with the faculty advisor, to ensure that the final product is written according to the standards of the APA Publication Manual or other pertinent citation manual. The graduate student will forward a hard copy and electronic copy of the completed research study to the Office of Public Instruction by or before May 30, 2007.

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